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 EXCELLENT BRITTLE FRACTURE RESISTANCE  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

SIR:

This is a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114  
 of the above-identified patent application.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on  
 \_\_\_\_\_. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on  
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iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other.

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).

b. ☒ Other. Petition For Extension Of Time.

## 3. Fees

a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600:

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R §1.17(e)  
(\$810.00)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Suspension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)  
(\$130.00)

iv. ☒ Any deficiency of fee due or any other required fee due in connection with this Request For Continued Examination or in connection with the continued examination of the above-identified patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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